

PRO733 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of the proteins which bind the T1/ST2 receptor may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO733 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO733 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO162 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of the pancreatitis-associated protein may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO162 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO162 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO788 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of the anti-neoplastic urinary protein may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO788 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO788 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO1008 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of dkk-1 may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1008 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1008 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO1012 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of the protein disulfide isomerase may be employed both *in vivo* and *in vitro* purposes. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1012 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1012 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO1014 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of reductase may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1014 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1014 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. Inhibitors of PRO1014 are particularly preferred. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO1017 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of sulfotransferase may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1017 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1017 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO474 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of

dehydrogenase may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO474 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO474 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO1031 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of IL-17 may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1031 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1031 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly.

PRO938 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of protein disulfide isomerase may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO938 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1082 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of the LDL receptor may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1082 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

PRO1082 can be used in assays with the polypeptides to which they have identity with to determine the relative activities. The results can be applied accordingly. PRO1082 can also be used in assays to identify candidate agents which modulate the receptors.

PRO1083 polypeptides of the present invention which possess biological activity related to that of 7TM receptors may be employed both *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes and *in vitro*. Those of ordinary skill in the art will well know how to employ the PRO1083 polypeptides of the present invention for such purposes.

In particular PRO1083 can be used in assays to determine candidate agents which control or modulate PRO1083, i.e., have an effect on the receptor.

The VEGF-E molecules herein have a number of therapeutic uses associated with survival, proliferation and/or differentiation of cells. Such uses include the treatment of umbilical vein endothelial cells, in view of the demonstrated ability of VEGF-E to increase survival of human umbilical vein endothelial cells. Treatment may be needed if the vein were subjected to traumata, or situations wherein artificial means are employed to enhance the survival of the umbilical vein, for example, where it is weak, diseased, based on an artificial matrix, or in an artificial environment. Other physiological conditions that could be improved based on the selective mitogenic character of VEGF-E are also included herein. Uses also include the treatment of fibroblasts and myocytes, in view of the demonstrated ability of VEGF-E to induce proliferation of fibroblasts and hypertrophy in myocytes. In particular, VEGF-E can be used in wound healing, tissue growth and muscle generation and regeneration.

For the indications referred to above, the VEGF-E molecule will be formulated and dosed in a fashion consistent with good medical practice taking into account the specific disorder to be treated, the condition of the individual patient, the site of delivery of the VEGF-E, the method of administration, and other factors known to practitioners. Thus, for purposes herein, the "therapeutically effective amount" of the VEGF-E is an amount that is effective either to prevent, lessen the worsening of, alleviate, or cure the treated condition, in particular that amount which is sufficient to enhance the survival, proliferation and/or differentiation of the treated cells

in vivo.

VEGF-E amino acid variant sequences and derivatives that are immunologically crossreactive with antibodies raised against native VEGF are useful in immunoassays for VEGF-E as standards, or, when labeled, as competitive reagents.

The VEGF-E is prepared for storage or administration by mixing VEGF-E having the desired degree of purity with physiologically acceptable carriers, excipients, or stabilizers. Such materials are non-toxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed. If the VEGF-E is water soluble, it may be formulated in a buffer such as phosphate or other organic acid salt preferably at a pH of about 7 to 8. If the VEGF-E is only partially soluble in water, it may be prepared as a microemulsion by formulating it with a nonionic surfactant such as Tween, Pluronic, or PEG, e.g., Tween 80, in an amount of 0.04-0.05% (w/v), to increase its solubility.

Optionally other ingredients may be added such as antioxidants, e.g., ascorbic acid; low molecular weight (less than about ten residues) polypeptides, e.g., polyarginine or tripeptides; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids, such as glycine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, or arginine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including cellulose or its derivatives, glucose, mannose, or dextrins; chelating agents such as EDTA; and sugar alcohols such as mannitol or sorbitol.

The VEGF-E to be used for therapeutic administration must be sterile. Sterility is readily accomplished by filtration through sterile filtration membranes (e.g., 0.2 micron membranes). The VEGF-E ordinarily will be stored in lyophilized form or as an aqueous solution if it is highly stable to thermal and oxidative denaturation. The pH of the VEGF-E preparations typically will be about from 6 to 8, although higher or lower pH values may also be appropriate in certain instances. It will be understood that use of certain of the foregoing excipients, carriers, or stabilizers will result in the formation of salts of the VEGF-E.

If the VEGF-E is to be used parenterally, therapeutic compositions containing the VEGF-E generally are placed into a container having a sterile access port, for example, an intravenous solution bag or vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle.

Generally, where the disorder permits, one should formulate and dose the VEGF-E for site-specific delivery. This is convenient in the case of wounds and ulcers.

Sustained release formulations may also be prepared, and include the formation of microcapsular particles and implantable articles. For preparing sustained-release VEGF-E compositions, the VEGF-E is preferably incorporated into a biodegradable matrix or microcapsule. A suitable material for this purpose is a polylactide, although other polymers of poly-( $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic acids), such as poly-D-(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid (EP 133,988A), can be used. Other biodegradable polymers include poly(lactones), poly(acetals), poly(orthoesters), or poly(orthocarbonates). The initial consideration here must be that the carrier itself, or its degradation products, is nontoxic in the target tissue and will not further aggravate the condition. This can be determined by routine screening in animal models of the target disorder or, if such models are unavailable, in normal animals. Numerous scientific publications document such animal models.

For examples of sustained release compositions, see U.S. Patent No. 3,773,919, EP 58,481A, U.S.